

# THE OLD SCHOOL NEWS

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## Letter from the Editor

Well, this is it, my inaugural edition of the Old School News. I hope that my editorship passes muster and that I can equal Deri as my previous incumbent, although his will be a hard act to follow and I must publicly thank him for his tutorage...thankfully I know where he lives so I can/will lean on him if the going gets tough!

Another thank you must go out to all of the contributors of this month's edition, not only for meeting the new deadlines for submissions, but for all the thank you's and well wishes for taking on the role of editor.

But there we have it - this publication, like so many of the activities that are advertised in here, is wholly reliant on volunteers. Please, do not be shy in volunteering. Volunteering is an amazing gift that everyone can, in some way, offer. With that in mind, I remember my first meeting with Ann Craig, some years ago now, when I was 'volunteering' students from Duchy College to tidy the Churchyard. She was as I recall a formidable figure, but one who thought nothing of helping others in any way she could. She was a stalwart of a volunteer and ensured that the students I had with me really did pull their weight.

The OSN is YOUR publication, and to this end, if you have something that you feel needs awareness being given to it, then let me know on [wendyambrose74@gmail.com](mailto:wendyambrose74@gmail.com)

Similarly, if you want to write something, whether that be a short story, a crossword or a puzzle, then let me know. I will endeavour to get as many submissions each month into the OSN as I can, but on occasion, there simply may not be space.



And my final word (for now!), in fact, it is more of a plea: this publication is currently distributed in physical form to approximately 500 addresses, with an additional 200 outside the Parish - now that is a lot of advertising, and doesn't even take into account the version available online. So, if you know of any traders that would want to advertise their business, why not suggest to them that they contact [gillhiscott@hotmail.com](mailto:gillhiscott@hotmail.com) for information on how to advertise with us.

Wendy Ambrose - Editor



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**ANN CRAIG**

Ann Craig was one of those people whom you could always rely on. The Old School certainly benefited hugely from her commitment and dedication, especially in the matter of baking cakes. But that baking was always for a purpose; she baked for social events, she baked for parties and she baked in support of money-raising for charity. If you went to her house there would always be a pastry or a piece of cake on offer, sometimes with the pleasure of sitting in her garden.

However, Ann gave so much more support to the Old School than just baking; the afternoon teas depended heavily on her support and participation and similarly, on a Thursday morning you could be sure to find her peeling vegetables in preparation for Friday lunches, enjoying the conversation and company of others working in the kitchen. The appreciation for her commitment was reflected some years ago in the attendance of so many friends at her 80th birthday celebration party.

She will be fondly remembered for her commitment to the Film Club - one of the long-running and most heavily supported and successful parts of the programme at The Old School. The choice of films was a matter for discussion amongst club members but it was Ann who got the DVD and managed the showing, accompanied of course, by tea and home-made biscuits.

Ann was an Old School trustee for many years. She brought a good deal of common sense to discussions that sometimes became just a little too esoteric, often with a slightly waspish comment that brought an issue into a clearer perspective. Her wider commitments in the community (to the Show and to the WI in particular) always reminded us, the Old School exists primarily to serve the community and its interests.

Others will have their own memories of Ann and will express their admiration for what she did for us and sadness at her passing. I am proud to have known her and am sure that we all have a gap in our lives that will not easily be filled.  
John Wilmut



**PARISH HALL DIARY  
OCTOBER 2023**

**Regular Events:**

Monday	6 - 9 pm	2, 4, 5 weeks only	SCATS REHEARSALS
	7 pm	1st week only	GARDENING CLUB
	7 pm	3rd week only	PARISH COUNCIL
Tuesday	9 am - noon	Weekly	POP-UP CAFÉ
	1:15 - 2:15 pm	Weekly	LATINO DANCE
	7:00 pm	2nd week only	W.I.
Wednesday	7 pm	Weekly except 2nd week	BOWLS
	1 - 3:30 pm	Weekly (term time)	PRIVATE HIRE
Thursday	3:30 - 7:30 pm	Weekly (term time)	SJS DANCE ACADEMY
	7:30 - 8:30 pm	Weekly (term time)	BALLET FIT
Friday	9 - 11 am	Weekly	KEEP ACTIVE
	4 - 7:00 pm	Weekly (term time)	SJS DANCE ACADEMY
	8 - 10 pm	Weekly (term time)	CALLINGTON GOSPEL CHOIR
Friday	10am - 11am	Weekly	PILATES
	11:20 - 12:20	Weekly	MATURE MOVERS
	7 - 10:30 pm	Weekly	BRIDGE

All events are subject to change due to holidays etc.  
Please contact group leaders for specific info.

**Together with:**

Oct 28th	All day not evening	HALLOWEEN PARTY TBC
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For further information regarding bookings please contact Sue Watts 07836 202212 or email sue-watts@btconnect.com

**METHODIST CHURCH  
OCTOBER 2023**

Sunday Worship 11am (unless stated)

Oct 1	Helen Pengelly
Oct 8	Circuit Service at Tamar Valley Methodist Church at 10.30am
Oct 15	John Ware
Oct 22	Steve Wherly

"Tea In The Afternoon" Wednesday 25 October  
3:30 pm to 5 pm

**OLD SCHOOL 200 CLUB WINNERS**

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**ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE SHOULD BE SENT IN NO LATER THAN THE 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**  
**WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY ARTICLES EXCLUDED THIS MONTH BECAUSE OF MISSING THE DEADLINE DATE**

News, diary and other information should be sent directly to wendyambrose74@gmail.com

**OLD SCHOOL DIARY - OCTOBER 2023**

**Weekly Events:**

Mondays	9 am	ACUPUNCTURE (by appt)
	8.30 am onwards	PILATES
Tuesdays	7 pm	SCOTTISH DANCING
Wednesdays	10 am - 1 pm	RAGS ART GROUP
Wednesdays	10 am - 3 pm	CROSS BORDER ARTS
Fridays	9 - 11:30 am	TODDLER SINGING GROUP
	12 noon	FRIDAY LUNCH all welcome, please ring Old School to book

**Together with:**

**SEPTEMBER**

Oct 1	10 am - 3 pm	APPLE PRESSING DAY
Oct 4	10 - 11:30 am	PARISH COUNCIL SURGERY (AH Room)
	2 pm	AFTERNOON TEA
Oct 5	1 - 4 pm	CALLINGTON U3A ART GROUP
Oct 7	9 am	FARMERS MARKET
	1 - 6 pm	MESSY CHURCH
Oct 10	1:30 - 4 pm	MAHJONG
Oct 12	9 am - 4 pm	CHIROPODIST (by appt.)
	7 pm	TRUSTEES MEETING
Oct 13	7 pm	FILM CLUB
Oct 17	9:30 am	BOOK CLUB (Cafe area)
	1:30 - 4 pm	MAHJONG
Oct 19	1 - 4 pm	U3A ART GROUP
	7 pm	INVESTMENT CLUB
Oct 21	9 am - 1 pm	REPAIR CAFE
Oct 24	1:30 - 4 pm	MAHJONG
	7.00 pm	LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
Oct 25	NO CROSS	BOARDER ART - half term
Oct 26	9 am - 4 pm	CHIROPODIST (by appt.)
Oct 31	1:30 - 4 pm	MAHJONG

**PARISH CHURCH - OCTOBER 2023**

Oct 1	8 am	BCP
	10 am	Morning Worship
	2:30 pm	Remembering God
Oct 8	8 am	BCP
	10 am	Holy Communion
Oct 15	8 am	BCP
	10 am	Morning Worship
Oct 22	8 am	BCP
	10 am	Family Service
Oct 29	9:15	Cluster Communion
	11:00	Family Service, Upton Cross

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Thursday 9 November at 7 for 7.30

The award winning Resol String Quartet will be playing  
 Beethoven: String Quartet no.8 in E minor, op 59 no 2  
 Julian Broughton: New Commission  
 Felix Mendelssohn: String Quartet no 2 in A minor, op 13

Tickets, at £24 per person, including a two-course meal in the interval, are available in advance via The Old School office.

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# NEW AT THE OLD SCHOOL

**FAMILY HISTORY AT THE OLD SCHOOL**



The first meeting of the new Family History Group will be at The Old School on Tuesday 19th September at 7-30 pm

This Group will meet monthly and is for both novices and experts. We expect to provide informative sessions that will help you to develop your family history, backing these up with support sessions in response to individual needs.

For this first meeting we will provide some 'mini sessions' (how to start; DNA testing; military history; passing on your research) and then agree the programme that we will follow for the rest of this year and into 2024. We hope that we can benefit from contributions from those members who have a lot of experience of family history.

**COME AND JOIN US AND FIND OUT WHAT FAMILY HISTORY IS ALL ABOUT**

There will be a small charge for each session and light refreshments will be available. If you need more information please contact Deri Parsons (derrick.parsons@btinternet.com or 01579 370319) or John Wilmut (johnwilmut@btinternet.com or 01579 370736)

## Fun, Foreign and Classic Films

The Old School is thinking about putting on extra film evenings, starting this winter. So that we can enjoy all those old classics or comedies, and films in foreign languages.

It would be alternate months (so just 6 a year), and possibly mid-week.

But we need some new volunteers to help manage it !

Please phone the office on 01579 370493 if you would like to be part of this, be a volunteer helper, or come to the films.

We have quite a long list of suggestions already - please let us hear yours' !!

The Old School Trustees, 01579 370493



Could this be you?!

## Mahjong

Do you play Mahjong?  
 Do you even know what it is?



Come and play Mahjong on Tuesday afternoons at the Old School. There will be tuition for new players and games for those who can already play.

Sessions will take place at Afternoon Tea on the 1st Wednesday of the month and on Tuesdays at 1.30 - 4pm on other weeks.

The cost is just £1 per session includes a cup of tea.

By Edah

## NEW! A CHESS CLUB FOR STOKE CLIMSLAND

There has been a proposal that we could start a chess club at The Old School. With the help and advice from some members of the chess club at Calstock we suggest that

- it should be a club for all comers, with no age restrictions and for novices and experts alike.
- membership would not be confined to those living in Stoke Climsland
- while the emphasis would be on enjoying the game, there would be opportunities for novices to learn how to play and for competent players to participate in tournaments.
- there should be regular meetings at The Old School, perhaps every 2 or 4 weeks to begin with
- we would need to make sure that meetings were timed to suit all members.
- there would be a small membership fee.
- the club would provide boards, chess pieces and clocks.
- we can draw on help and support from within Cornwall and nationally.



To help us get going, the Calstock club has offered to run a mini tournament with us, perhaps at some time in the autumn. We are very grateful for their help. This is a good idea but, before going ahead with setting up a club, we need to have some idea of the support that it would get. In particular, we need maybe 2 or 3 enthusiasts who would be willing to be organisers for the club (this does not seem to be a particularly demanding role).

If you or your child are interested could you email or call John Wilmut (johnwilmut@btinternet.com or 01579 370736) or leave a note at the office at The Old School giving your contact details, some idea of your level of expertise, and whether you'd be prepared to help with organising the club. If there is clearly a sufficient interest, we will get back to you as soon as we can with information about a start-up session.

## A memory for some in the village...

Some people will remember Brigid Albrechtsen's ballet group in the parish, a thriving group who staged -

### "Making a Song and Dance about Nature - YANOMAMO"

This was in 1989, I and my children were involved in the visuals, dance and musical production at Marjon. Launceston musical director was Veronica Jones & narration was by Plymouth's own naturalist and expedition leader, Tony Soper.

Here are some opening words from the songs of Yanomamo, this musical entertainment composed by Peter Rose MBE, Anne Conlon MBE & Linda Marsh.

*"Gone are the meadows full of soft scented hay,  
Meadows where we grew and blossomed bright each day.  
The butterflies who visited, the mice who shared our home,  
You've taken them away from us and left us all alone.*

*Gone are the heathlands where we used to have such fun,  
Heathlands where we used to lie abasking in the sun,  
We are searching vainly for the woodland home we lost;  
You may have fine buildings, have you stopped to count the cost?*

*Where are the marshlands where we stayed from year to year?  
Places where our nests have all begun to disappear.  
The safe and gentle downlands - why do they have to go?  
If you destroy this precious land you'll lose us all you know."*

How far have we come in 34 years? It seems that there may be a local improvement over the last few years!  
More reminders for you next issue - Mel Guy

## Stoke Climsland Parish Hall

First, an update. Since our last article in the OSN we have now commissioned some initial refurbishment work on the Parish Hall. We have been able to secure works on both the chimney and louvred lantern to make them watertight. We will also be replacing the guttering for some with larger capacity to carry the rainwater as this was identified as an issue in the building survey conducted last year. This work will make the building watertight. Additionally, money has been raised for work on the kitchen facilities; this will form part of the next phase of works. Any further work after that will be subject to our ongoing search for grant funding.

Alongside this interim work, we continue to explore the viability of any other proposals to retain a suitable community facility as previously identified through community consultations and workshops. We will keep you informed as we gain more information however, please heed our plea: we urgently seek more community support, be that in the form of a trustee, committee member or with drafting our grant applications. As they say, 'two heads are better than one', and 'many hands make light work'!

Secondly, we are excited to announce some upcoming events! First is our children's Halloween party on the 28th October from 2pm until 5pm. To ensure that we have enough food it will be a ticketed party with tickets being just £3 each. Children are welcome to come in fancy dress and if they have carved a pumpkin, it can be placed on the wall around the hall and lit to make a spooky entrance.

Our next event is a little further ahead on the 11th November; it is a concert by the Callington Gospel Choir. Ticket price and times are to be confirmed, but please save the date in your diary.

Geoff Giles, Secretary, Stoke Climsland Parish Hall, - email: secretaryscph@gmail.com

## 'AI Jesus'

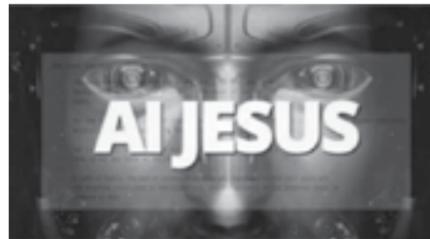
Well, isn't life exciting?

Just out of interest, I have downloaded 'Text Jesus' onto my iPhone; now, this is an AI Jesus, that is, Artificial Intelligence version of who some think Jesus is like.

I was greeted with a cheery: 'Hello there, my friend! I am Jesus Christ, here to offer you love, guidance, and a brotherly relationship. How can I assist you today?' (Followed by a Smiley face, who knew Jesus used emoticons). I started by asking a question: 'Yes, are you able to tell me why you died?' I got back the answer: 'Certainly, my friend. I died on the cross to fulfil God's plan for the redemption of humanity ...'. A jolly long answer to a simple question and pretty standard Christian thinking. So, I tried another question, just to see, I asked: 'Who made God?' (Seemed the sort of question children ask). I noticed that the AI spent fractionally a little longer on this one. Then the answer 'God is eternal and has no beginning or end ...'. So, although the answers are orthodox, and worth a play, it doesn't feel authentic to me. I'm also not so sure about Jesus' slightly oily 'Hello there, my friend'.

Questions about life, God, the universe are important. You may have questions, like me, which can't just be answered with Artificial Intelligence. We are wanting grounded, authentic discussion and a Chatbot can't satisfy this. So, we are running Alpha on-line, via Zoom. This is for anyone who's curious to explore the big questions about life, faith and meaning. There's a taster on Thursday 21st September 7.30pm: "Is there more to life than this?". Followed with the course beginning on Thursday October 5th. All are welcome and if you come along and don't find it's for you, we won't chase you! Further details can be obtained via callingtonmethodist.org or from alpha.org.uk

Methodist minister for Stoke Climsland  
Revd David Moss



## Grab Bags

A message (and reminder) from SCARPER - yes, 'Grab Bags'.

We have all seen, heard or read about a number of emergencies around the world requiring evacuations, often with only minutes notice, due to fires, floods or storms. Could it happen here? Hopefully not, but an evacuation might be required as in the case some years ago when there was a mains gas leak, or perhaps even localised flooding causing homes to be flooded or maybe an extended period of a power cut - a very real worry for those in the Parish who are reliant on power to operate lifesaving equipment.

SCARPER (Stoke Climsland Area Resilience Plan & Emergency Resources), are writing this as both a Call to Action and a reminder for those who already are aware of Grab Bags: the purpose of a 'Grab Bag' is to have speedy access to those essentials you might need if you forced to leave your home in a hurry. You could either have the Grab Bag already packed or, have a list of things you would need already prepared and posted somewhere prominent in your home; the kitchen seems to be the place where most notes congregate, probably stuck to the fridge! Please, however, ensure that your Grab Bag has a label on it with your personal details (in case it gets separated from you).

What should go into a 'Grab Bag'? Here are just a few ideas:

Money or access to money (debit / credit cards), photo ID, passport, spare car keys.

Essential medication (probably enough for at least a week), prescriptions, NHS and NI numbers etc.

If you use passwords, you might share them with a direct family member, there have been some serious issues when a person might pass away suddenly in an emergency and the family have no access to essential data.

Fully charged battery packs to keep your mobile phone etc operational for a few days in the event of no power and charging leads and plugs to use at an evacuation centre (I have a handy extension lead with 4 or more outlets (3 pin and USB) to use away from home as even hotels these days have few readily accessible 3 pin outlets).

Torches that take alkaline batteries (with spares) - some rechargeable devices can also take replaceable batteries.

Enough clothes (warm in winter), nappies, powdered milk etc if you have little ones to look after.

If you have to take pets with you, have enough food and bowls handy to feed them.

Have a first aid kit at home or in the car ready to grab, although please do check it is up to date and any items that have a shelf life are current.

These are just a few ideas but Mr Google probably has many more ideas of what to include.

Hopefully, you never have to grab your 'Grab Bag' but better to be prepared.

SCARPER, Geoff Giles, 07740 165730



## Wednesdays@10.30



Each Wednesday morning at Callington Methodist Church - a relaxed time of Intergenerational Creativity, Spirituality, Tea, Coffee and Chat.

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# THE NEXT OLD SCHOOL FARMERS MARKET IS ON OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup>



**OPENING TIME**  
9.30 am



## STALLHOLDER LIST:

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Veryan Barneby - Jewellery - 01579 370680  
Kendale Courts - Local Fresh Vegetables - 07813 157961  
Rosemary Hambly - Action for Children - 01579 383773

### STOKE CLIMSLAND WI

Stoke Climsland WI are a friendly welcoming group who meet once a month on a Tuesday evening in the Parish Hall. We have a varied programme of Speakers throughout the year which often involve practical arts and crafts. There are also cookery demonstrations most months held in The Old School, look out for the notices. We always like to see visitors at our meetings so why not come along and give us a try? It costs just £4.50 which includes tea, sandwiches and homemade cakes, an absolute bargain!

**Dates for your Diary :**

10th October	Pots for all Seasons
Michael Stephens	Open Meeting
14th November	Life as an Equerry
Lyn Crawley	Open Meeting
12th December	Christmas Social
5th December	Carol singing on the Green 6pm

Soup and roll available All Welcome

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in Stoke Climsland Parish Hall at 7.30pm

New members are always welcome, we look forward to seeing you soon.

## Stoke Climsland Show

### We have a Jumble Sale

Saturday November 25th  
10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Venue: Old School House

Tea, coffee, cakes being served

Contact for Jumble donations:  
Jenny Llewellyn 01579 370675

## Jumble!

Our next Jumble Sale will be held in The Old School on Saturday November 25th from 10 am - 12 noon to raise funds for the Village Show; a brilliant opportunity to have a clear out before Christmas!

Thanks to the generosity of the donors of jumble and our loyal bargain hunters, the income from this vital fundraising event helps to cover the ever increasing costs of staging the Village Show. The amount of jumble donated continues to grow so we have also provisionally booked The Parish Hall to display all the children's clothes and toys!

All jumble donations are welcome and can be left in the Old School Office between 9.30 and 12.00 noon Monday-Friday, week commencing November 13th and week commencing November 20th. As ever, we give grateful thanks to The Old School Trustees for allowing us to use this wonderful village facility.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be available on the day so why not take the opportunity both to pick up a bargain and have a chat with friends?

**See you all on November 25th.**



## Stoke Climsland Sports & Social Club

Follow us on Facebook  
MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

We are open Wednesday to Friday 8.00pm to 11pm, and when there is an event on Saturday from 7.30 to 12pm.

If you want to know more, come to the bar to find out.

Alternatively you can telephone the secretary:

Louise Power on 01579 370819 or email [louisepoweraok@msn.com](mailto:louisepoweraok@msn.com).

As we go in to the autumn season, things are neither very misty or cool, but flipping hot as the new term starts! However, we have kicked off the new season with a quiz, held on the third Saturday of each month. The usual rules apply: £5 for teams of four, try not to be too serious and enjoy a fun evening. The quiz season will run through to June so save the dates in your diary.

We have continued to update the fabric of the Club and the new kitchen is due to be completed very soon. We will be having a 'grand opening' on the Saturday 30th September with an inaugural 'Band, Beer and BBQ' session. The first band will be Aaron Chin and Friends so please come along to enjoy the music and BBQ all washed down with beer (or drink of your choice)! Hopefully we will be repeating this later in the year so keep an eye out for those dates.

We are repeating the popular Oktoberfest on Saturday 14th October. Beer, pretzels and bratwurst are the order of the day. This will be a ticketed event to ensure we have enough food. Tickets will be available in the Club from mid-September.

Other dates to remember are the Christmas Raffle and New Years Party.

### Dates for your diary:

14 Oct	Octoberfest	21 Oct	Quiz	16 December	Quiz
17 November	Quiz	17 December	Raffle		

Keep an eye on our facebook page for more information.

Louise Power

## RIDING FOR THE DISABLED AT DUCHY COLLEGE

At the start of a new academic year we often have changes in our team of helpers. Occasionally someone has to leave due to health concerns, family commitments, etc., and some will have joined us, having heard of us through friends or possibly, (she thinks, with fingers crossed,) having read this column. But, however you've found out about us, you will be welcomed with open arms. Well, perhaps not literally, but you get the picture, and it may involve cake!

There will also be changes in our team of horses. This term we'll have our current team of Deano, Charlie and Conker plus (roll of drums), our brand new acquisition, Honey, whom I look forward to meeting on Wednesday the 20th, our first meeting. Our next most recent purchase, Conker, has been ideal for us and hasn't put a hoof wrong since she joined us. Let's hope that our horse-buying team has been equally efficient this time. I shall report back soon!

As with all horses new to us, a helper will lead Honey without a rider initially, and then with a helper on board, to get her used to being with us. In turn, we will be able to judge her suitability for her role with us. She won't carry one of our disabled riders until we're satisfied that she will be happy, and as 'bomb-proof' as reasonably possible.

We are particularly keen for Honey to fulfil her potential as, looking forward to Christmas, we are planning to retire our almost-perfect horse, Deano, who we've had for some years now. I'll sing his praises in a future column but, suffice it to say, he'll be a difficult act to follow! Fortunately, he has a wonderful new home awaiting him.

In case you'd like to come along to meet us, here's a reminder of our contact details: [www.rdaduchy.org](http://www.rdaduchy.org)

We'd love to see you.



## Month of November What colour is your poppy to be?

For many next month, red poppies may represent loved ones and military lives tragically lost and remembered.

White poppies remember the civilians and incidental collateral deaths with a view to looking for Peace.

**Find a white poppy!**



## Carbon Zero Homes Project - September Bulletin

We successfully launched this project at the annual Stoke Climsland Show last month and have since drawn the free raffle with 3 households winning fully funded Retrofit Assessments and Whole House Plans (as described in 'PAS 2035:2019 Specification for the energy retrofit of domestic buildings') and 10 winning energy monitoring sockets.



The 3 reasons for this project ... MONEY, HEALTH and CLIMATE ... are pictured here. James, Gilda and Harvey were fantastic at distributing leaflets and mackerel stickers - to anyone who stood still long enough. They quickly became 'self-organised' and were very effective at enlisting help from their friends and at adopting innovative approaches to the task at hand - thank you and well done to all 3 of them and their friends!

In this bulletin I'd like to let you know about 3 things:

### Loft Insulation

Loft insulation less than 27cm thick? That's the same as the length of an average mackerel. Your home could be losing heat worth £££'s a year. Heat loss through roofs can account for around 25% of overall heat loss and remember that insulation and ventilation must always be considered together. If your home is in council tax band A-D, you may well be eligible for financial support to make it more efficient as part of the Great British Insulation Scheme, which is in the process of being launched. You'll be able to apply for the scheme yourself when a portal is launched on gov.uk. I have been asked, but regrettably, we are unable to start selling fresh fish in the village.



### Campaign Programme

We have launched a campaign programme which will enable us to identify and focus in on different energy saving related topics. The Cool Campaign is the first of these. Let me know if you have any ideas for future topics - particularly if you'd like to share a significant energy saving tip.

### Home Upgrade Grant



This is a major new scheme which is being delivered by Cornwall Council (CC) as part of their Winter Wellbeing programme. CC has been awarded more than £20m to support households across Cornwall and the scheme will run until 2025. It is a grant, not a loan, and could fund a whole range of energy efficiency improvements to the value of up to and even beyond £40k. Main criteria for the scheme: home-owner or tenant (landlords pay 33% of project costs); off mains (natural) gas; total gross annual household income not more than £31k; property Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) of D, E, F or G. Please let me know if you may be interested. We are being advised to encourage applications even if there is a query about eligibility - because there may be alternative funding opportunities.

The Carbon Zero Homes Project aims to support households to make changes to existing buildings so that energy consumption and emissions are reduced, and your home is warmer, healthier and more comfortable.

Andy Nevill, Community Energy Advisor, Chartered Engineer 07799848084 andynevill@protonmail.com

## Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Annual Forum

The Annual Tamar Valley AONB was held in the stunning grounds of Buckland Abbey on Thursday 21 September. This year's theme was all about Nature Recovery, and included presentations from: Natural England, National Trust, Devon Local Nature Partnership and Cornwall Council, as well as the Tamar Valley AONB and Tamara Landscape Partnership team.

The vision of the Tamar Valley AONB team is that over the next seven years (and beyond), nature is seen to be "...recovering and thriving across the Tamar Valley." The plan for this was formally launched at the Forum.

On Saturday 23 September, a Community Action for Nature Drop-In Day also took place, but this time in the Parish Hall, Bere Alston. The aim here was to encourage and inspire people of all ages to do what they can to support nature and help it to thrive.

The Tamar Valley AONB can be followed on Facebook (@TVAONB) and Instagram (@tamar\_valley\_aonb). You can also find out more about the Tamar Valley Nature Recovery Plan 2023-2030 here - <https://www.tamarvalley.org.uk/nature-recovery-plan-for-the-tamar-valley>

By Charlotte Dancer



## SCATS AGM and annual BBQ

On Sunday, September 3rd SCATS enjoyed their annual AGM & BBQ.

Once again by kind permission of Adrian & Deb Glassborow, we sat in the shade under the trees in their beautiful garden.

34 members attended and relived SCATS successes of the last year and eagerly discussed plans for the next, including the auditions for Robin Hood, SCATS next pantomime in 2024 and a subsidised theatre trip for members, which will be announced before Christmas.

Everyone then enjoyed Pimms and a BBQ.

Why not come along and join us?



## Scout Summer Camp

For many of our Scouts, this summer camp was their first as a Scout, and as our Explorers, who normally come with us, were unable to attend due to either personal reasons or being away at the Jamboree in Korea, this was no easy feat for them.

1st Stoke Climsland Scouts took 18 scouts and leaders to Collard Bridge, just outside Barnstaple, for five days of fun activities in August, all whilst sleeping under canvas, both preparing and cooking their own meals. The site itself is run by North Devon District Scouts and is a really lovely site, ideal for a first-time camp for our Scouts.

All Scouts worked in patrols, just as they do on a normal Scout training night, and took turns to cook for all of us. Parents please note - our Scouts are FANTASTIC at cooking, (almost) as good at cleaning and putting away after themselves, don't let them try telling you different! The activities they took part in included Tomahawk throwing, shooting, orienteering and archery. We have some amazingly accurate Scouts!

On our last night, we had a traditional campfire with camp songs, and of course marshmallows on sticks. We were joined by 4 Explorers from Bristol who were on their gold DoFE expedition and Viking Explorers from Southsea, although all Explorers, wherever they come from, seem to have an uncanny ability to smell out food, and they appeared just in time to share the marshmallows!

As a group, 1st Stoke Climsland Scouts are very active; we meet every Tuesday night and learn traditional skills such as knots, backward cooking, together with learning about our international scouts and a myriad of other skills and crafts. We are weather resilient and ensure that our Scouts are very well looked after, whether that be whilst with us on a Tuesday night, hiking across the Two Moors Way or on Survival camp. They also learn how to be (safely) independent. If you know of any youngsters, aged 10 and a half to 14, who may enjoy being with us or are just curious and want to see if they would like to be a Scout, please come down and see us in the Scout hut on a Tuesday night, between 7pm and 9pm. It would be best to email [scouts@1ststokeclimsland.org](mailto:scouts@1ststokeclimsland.org) in the first place to ensure that we are at the Scout Hut and not out and about.

## SCATS

### Singing Workshop

On August 24th SCATS held a singing workshop, led by music tutor Sarah Gard, in

Stoke Climsland Church. The acoustics of the Church are wonderful and added beautifully to the harmonious voices. It really was a joyful event and it was lovely seeing past and present SCATS members, together with guests from PRIMRAF, Callington Singers & Calstock Choir. Twenty people attended, aged 8 years old and up! The occasion was rounded off with a medley of: All Around My Hat; Take Me Back to the Black Hills; Bridge Over Troubled Water, Dancing Queen and Thank You for the Music.

It was definitely an event that will be repeated!

By Bridgit Slater



## EAST CORNWALL MINING HISTORY ASSOCIATION



11th November - join us for a fascinating talk by Robert Waterhouse, at The Old School, Stoke Climsland:

Bellfounding in the South West and the Penningtons of Stoke Climsland.

Robert is an archaeologist and industrial archaeologist who recently made the amazing discovery of a Bellcasting pit underneath his own Victorian porch.

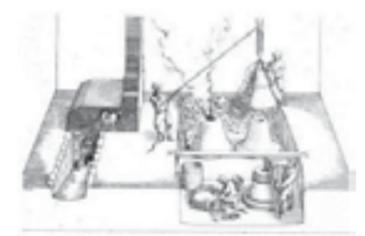
The Penningtons came from Lezant to Stoke, where they lived for generations. Back in the 18th century they were the finest bell founders in the West Country. They had a foundry south of the Church, and travelled widely for their work.

7.30 pm start. Refreshments from 7.00pm

There will be further talks on our industrial past to come through the winter, so watch this space. Additionally, we have proposed visits to both Wheal Martyn China Clay works and their archive, and also to Hingston Down Quarry.

Now that birdnesting is finished for 2023, we can clear scrub and brambles at East Kit Hill Mine, exposing the tin processing features. All are welcome to join in, and we welcome new volunteers and members, the cost is just £8 per annum.

Contact us on 07976 727618 for a membership form.



Copy deadlines for the Old School News mean that we can't tell you about the inaugural meeting of the Family History Group or the first meeting of the winter programme for the 'full' Local History Group BUT we can tell you about our next two meetings:

**Tuesday 24th October:** Carolyn Kennett will be talking to us about Prehistoric sites on Bodmin Moor. Carolyn will be featuring both well known and lesser know sites. Her recent book is a useful guide to have on hand if you are planning a walk.

**Tuesday 29th November:** Dr Keith Russ will be taking us through his animations of Cornish Mines in 3D. A view of the many, many mines in the county displayed in a way that you might not have seen before.

As always, the talks will be held at the Old School in Stoke Climsland and will start at 7.30pm. All are welcome to come along to either or both and if you want more information, please contact Deri Parsons on 01579 370319 or via email: [derrick.parsons@btinternet.com](mailto:derrick.parsons@btinternet.com) You can also contact him if you'd like to be added to our mailing list for details of our meetings.

## The 25th World Scout Jamboree

Over the summer, the Cornish Scout Contingent (36 Scouts aged 14 - 17 and 4 Leaders), took a once in a lifetime trip to the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. Stoke Climsland was incredibly well represented with 5 Scouts and 2 Leaders being selected to represent the County.

After a send-off at King Edward Mine Museum, we embarked on a mammoth journey, taking over 2 days - flying to Korea via Kuala Lumpur. We had a couple of days in Seoul before we travelled to the Jamboree Site. The Cornish unit made the most of exploring the local area, visiting a traditional Korean palace and sampling the street food at the local night markets.

We then embarked on a 4-hour drive to SaeManGeum where the Jamboree was Located. The area used was huge: 6.5km long and 1.5km wide - almost 30 times the size of the Royal Cornwall Showground - but with 45000 scouts from over 150 countries, it needed to be. Upon arrival we were instantly welcomed by Scouts from across the world who were already set up on site.

We started to set up 'Little Cornwall'. As we were camping on reclaimed wetland it was a bit like camping on a beach, however, with some clever use of pallets, all the tents were erected with a nice stable floor to sleep on. As the time went on, we improved our site and made 'Little Cornwall' our home: we built a 6m high Engine House as our gateway, erected bunting and even set up a paddling pool to keep cool.

The first evening on site consisted of the Opening Ceremony, with all 45000 scouts plus some special dignitaries including Bear Grylls and the president of Korea; it really gave us a feel of how big scouting is and how it provides a common bond across the world. Everywhere you went, people stopped you to ask where you were from, how you were doing and wanting to swap badges and stories.

Whilst at the Jamboree, we took part in lots of activities including traditional Korean Wrestling, games and learning the Korean language; but organised activities are not the memory makers, those come from the unplanned: our campsite was between groups from Chile, Indonesia, Greece, Georgia, Japan, Belgium, and Brazil, meaning that some of the best memories came from mixing with Scouts from these countries - learning about where they live and how Scouting differs for them.

You may have heard the news that the UK Contingent left the Jamboree early due to a number of issues with the site, including food, sanitation, medical facilities and the extreme heat. The Cornish unit were well prepared and took everything in their stride, maintaining a positive attitude throughout. The UK relocated 4500 UK Scouts and found us accommodation in 22 hotels. We were in a hotel with almost 1000 other UK scouts.

The Jamboree certainly wasn't over for us: the leadership team were determined to make the experience as best as it possibly could be. The generosity and hospitality of the Koreans was outstanding: people came up to us in the streets and asked how they could help, offering us food and drinks; one person even insisted on buying ice creams for the entire Cornish Unit of 40. This coupled with attractions offering us discounted or free entry made us feel extremely welcome and thankful.

Whilst in Seoul we did a huge amount of sightseeing including the National Museum of Korea; Seoul Tower at night to get an amazing view of the city; Cheonggyecheon Stream; Colour Pool Museum, Bukchon Hanok Village and

Namdaemun Market (founded in the 1400s). Almost the whole unit took the opportunity to dress in traditional Korean Hanboks when visiting the Gyeongbokgung Palace - the Royal Palace from the Joseon Dynasty built in 1395.

The Leaders thought it fitting to give something back and do some volunteering. With the WWF, we planted trees and did conservation work at the World Cup Park, overlooking the Han River.

The Jamboree Closing Ceremony was relocated due to Typhoon Khanun. The Organisers made use of the World Cup Stadium and bussed 45000 people into the venue where there was food and gifts waiting for everybody. The Ceremony consisted of the formal handover of the Jamboree Flag to Poland who are hosting the 26th World Scout Jamboree in 2027, followed by a K-Pop concert with 18 different K Pop bands. Having the Jamboree participants back together one final time was amazing.

Although the Jamboree didn't turn out as expected, everybody still had an incredible time and made memories, formed lifelong friendships and further developed team spirit and resilience. In their own words:

"The World Scout Jamboree in Korea is something which I will never forget. We embarked on a very eventful journey, and although it might not have been what I was expecting, I wouldn't change it for the world. I want to thank everyone who supported and contributed in our fundraising events." (Jazz Turner)

"It was a pleasure to experience the culture of the locals and hospitality from many who opened their doors to us and the kindness they offered. I'm so grateful for the experience and am incredibly thankful to all who took time to support us and made donations enabling us to create such colourful memories. Thank you everyone!" (Jess Turner)

For more details and pictures about Cornish Contingents trip to Korea, search for "Cornwall WSJ 2023" on Facebook.



## Lockett Social Club

With the Summer months now all but a distant memory, members can look forward to a full and exciting Winter Programme ahead:

### October

Friday 6th	QUIZ NIGHT with your Secretary asking the Questions in this General Knowledge Quiz
Saturday 7th	ENGLAND v SAMOA Live Screening at 4.45pm Quarter Final, Semi Final and The Final itself will depend on how ENGLAND progress! (On current form, don't hold your breath). Keep up to date with our facebook page, The-Lockett-Social-Club, for all matches being shown.

Saturday 14th	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Come and have a say on who you want to run the Club for the next 12 months. To be followed by a mini quiz and nibbles.
Saturday 21st	A TALK ON MOUNTAINEERING by ED BUCKINGHAM. Come along and listen to his inspirational, fearless and entertaining stories of his work as a Professional Mountaineer. One not to be missed.
Friday 27th	CASH BINGO

A couple of important dates for your diaries coming up in **November**:

Saturday 11th	AUTUMN CRAFT FAYRE - 10am til 3pm
Saturday 18th	LGBT - LUCKETT'S GOT BRILLIANT TALENT. Yes, it's back for one night only. Come along and show off your talent or just come and watch. For more details contact Bridget Langsford.

All events start at 8pm with Club and Bar open from 7.30pm.

One final thing to report on was the Club successfully provided an Outside Bar (under licence of course) back on the last Saturday in August for a Private Wedding Evening Reception. Any future events / functions considered at reasonable prices.

Club Geoff Howlett (Hon. Secretary).



## ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH, SOUTH HILL

Join us for what promises to be an amazing evening of sea shanties and songs from our very own Tamar based mixed Acapella group - **Barrett's Privateers**. Many of the songs explore our rich local heritage as well as the wider West Country traditions.

This will be a very special gig. **Wednesday October 4th 7.00pm**. Free entry but donations welcome towards the St Sampson's Unlocked restoration project. Bar and pasties available. **Booking advisable.**

Barrett's Privateers Tickets, Wed 4 Oct 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite

### Living Churchyard

St Sampson's continues to discover more species growing in the churchyard and a recent visit from lichen expert Bob Hodgson 7th August recorded over 40 varieties.

We want to add more benches in the churchyard, so people can sit and enjoy the space. If you would like to sponsor a bench or part bench, please contact me [judithayers@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:judithayers@yahoo.co.uk). We are aiming to use benches made from recycled plastic (approx. £250) which are environmentally friendly, maintenance free and last 5 times longer than timber. Perhaps you would like a bench in memory of a loved one.

Please can I gently remind anyone putting flowers on graves, that they should not be plastic. This is because the plastic gets brittle and broken and then small pieces are scattered in the grass, making it very difficult to remove and become a hazard to wildlife. St Sampson's is proud of being an eco-church and we strive to be environmentally friendly in all that we do, whilst creating a peaceful and beautiful haven for our loved ones no longer with us, for those visiting graves and our wildlife residents.

The fence on the East boundary has been replaced by the Community Payback team and they are in the process of painting the gate.

We hope to put up more bird boxes this autumn and create an information board with many of the plants and animals that have found a home in the churchyard. More on this next month.

Please visit and enjoy the church and churchyard. Explorer packs are available in the porch for families and children.

Judith Ayers

Churchwarden and Local Lay Leader.



## Carbon Zero Homes Project

This is the first campaign for this project and the message is simple:

### CHECK YOUR FRIDGE/FREEZER

Is your fridge/freezer costing you the earth? As we move into autumn, our energy bills will increase as we start to heat our homes so now is a good time to check that you are not wasting money on your fridge/freezer. This could be happening to you, and you may not be aware of it. Most consumer

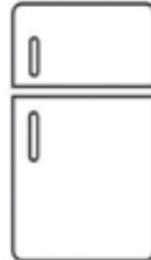
information on saving electricity focuses on the POWER of an appliance rather than ENERGY use, and this can be misleading. Here's the science bit: power is the amount of electricity an appliance draws in watts [W] when it is on, whereas energy is the amount of electricity consumed over say a year, measured in kilowatt hours per annum [kWh/a]. You purchase electricity from your energy provider in units, and one unit of electricity is equal to 1 kWh. Your electricity meter measures your energy usage in kilowatt hours for your whole house, and this is what you will see recorded on your bill.

A fridge/freezer is less powerful than a washing machine but could be using 5 times more electricity over a year - because it is always on. However, it is now easy to measure the electricity consumption of an appliance by using an energy monitoring socket. Please let me know if you need any information or help with this.

I quote Sue and David from our Post Office: "When our electricity rate increased by 100% in 2022, we managed to reduce our energy consumption by approximately 20%. We achieved this by radically overhauling our stock levels, increasing our defrost cycle, and checking all seals. We also switched off 2 freezers and a fridge. This saved us £100 - every month."

Follow these energy and money saving tips:

- find out what's actually going on: measure your appliance electricity consumption
- replace/retire old and inefficient appliances
- review contents: unclutter and don't over fill your fridge
- cool down leftovers before putting them in your fridge
- defrost food in the fridge
- defrost freezers regularly
- check door seals are working properly and are free of frost
- check the location of appliances - most won't work below 10°C ambient temperature
- clean grills and around fans regularly - fluff is bad!
- ensure there is good ventilation and air circulation around grills and fans
- spread the word: encourage and help family, friends and neighbours



Andy Nevill, Community Energy Advisor, Chartered Engineer - 07799848084 - andynevill@protonmail.com



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## Tales from 1st Stoke Climsland Cubs

On the first weekend in July, 15 Cubs aged 8 - 10 took part in a sponsored walk raising money for East Cornwall Search and Rescue after the cubs attended an evening at their base in Bodmin to learn the importance of their role.

The cubs completed a 15 mile hike over 2 days on Dartmoor, during which they practised their map reading, compass and pacing skills. The weather was amazing as we were joined by warm summer sunshine which thankfully was not too hot. Amazing views of the Burrator reservoir were enjoyed before we dropped down and followed the Devonport Leat, walking to Gutter Tor where we spent the night in the lodge there. On that first day, the cubs completed 9 miles.



On the second day, a further 6 miles were hiked and parents were met at the finish in Princetown. Each and every one of our cubs were amazing: they supported and encouraged each other along the way. It was truly an amazing achievement by all involved and the leaders are so very proud of the cubs' efforts.

A few weeks later we invited a representative from East Cornwall Search and Rescue to join us at cubs where we presented them with a cheque for an outstanding £1420.00



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